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## NA REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

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#### Publication Schedule

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**Editor's Note:** *Please take a moment to review the updated Chapter Contact List. Thank you to all of the chapters who responded to my request for updates.*  
**Carole**

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#### NORTH AMERICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2013

The NARC 2013 will be held in a couple of years, and the members of the Asheville Chapter #74 are busy raising money and orienting new members in preparation for the expected attendance of Ikebana International members from all over North and Central America.

Silent and live auctions of locally handcrafted as well as vintage Ikebana containers, books and accessories continue to bring extra monies into the NARC 2013 account. Ginza sales of gently used items, lovingly handcrafted items and plants for Ikebana add to the conference fund, too.

Many donors are taking advantage of the II INC Fund to receive IRS tax deduction documentation.

With a net gain of seven new members in 2010, the chapter continues its unprecedented growth in membership. Publicity about demonstrations, exhibitions and workshops has significant impact on the positive image of the activities of the chapter.

Other chapters helping with the Asheville meeting will be Naples, GL and Pittsburgh, PA

The official website for the Asheville Chapter of Commerce is [www.exploreasheville.com](http://www.exploreasheville.com). Check it out for a sneak preview of what to expect in Asheville. The website for the Asheville Chapter is [www.ikebanaasheville.org](http://www.ikebanaasheville.org). Terri Todd Asheville #74.

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#### EXHIBITIONS

**January 9-23, 2011**, "Ikebana—Tao Arts Exhibit" at the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75062. Contact Diann Contestabile 972-717-7416 Also exhibition by Ft. Worth chapter members . **Ft. Worth #38 and Dallas #13.**

**January 15 & 16, 2011**, exhibition at Camellia Show, Aiken SC Mall. **Augusta #81.**

**January 28-29, 2011**, annual exhibit at the Fountain of Life Lutheran Church , 15630 Del Webb Blvd. **Sun Cities #167.**

**February 23-27, 2011**, Northwest Flower and Garden Show at Washington State Trade and Convention Center, **Seattle #19**.

**February 24-27, 2011**, annual exhibition at the Canadian Museum of Nature. Opening night is February 23, 2011. **Ottawa #120**.

**February 26-27, 2011**, "Ikebana Fantasy" annual exhibition and kimono display at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Plant and Garden Festival 10-5 pm. For more information contact [gil.lee@comcast.net](mailto:gil.lee@comcast.net) or [tjsteenson@verizon.net](mailto:tjsteenson@verizon.net). **Sarasota #115**.

**March 5-6, 2011**, "Days of Ikebana" exhibition by members and Ikebana demonstration at the Asian Festival in the Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, FL. **Miami #131**.

**March 6-13, 2011**, major ikebana exhibit at the Philadelphia Flower Show in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. **Philadelphia #71**.

**March 13-April 3, 2011**. Honolulu Chapter will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a number of events. There will be a luncheon-demonstration at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Waikiki, featuring guest artist, Kika Shibata of the Sogetsu School from San Jose, CA. She will be doing two workshops at the Tokai University on Kapiolani Blvd., Academy Art Center at Lineokona will be the site of their exhibition with an outdoor arrangement by members and a large arrangement by Mrs. Shibata. **Honolulu #56**.

**March 18-19, 2011**, "Heart of the Flower" exhibition at the Moorings Presbyterian Church from 10-4 each day, Moss hall, Naples, FL. Continuous demonstrations by one of the three schools each day. **Naples #160**.

**March 18-27, 2011, all- member** exhibition at the Woodruff House in Macon, GA during the Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. The chapter's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary is planned to coincide with the Festival. **Middle Georgia #112**.

**March 19-20, 2011**, annual exhibition at the Arboretum of Los Angeles County, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007, [www.arboretum.org](http://www.arboretum.org). **Los Angeles #4**.

**March 19-20, 2011**, biennial Ikebana exhibition held at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. San Francisco. **San Francisco #31**.

**March 19-20, 2011**, annual Spring Show and Japanese Culture exhibition, held in Rms. 101 and 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA **San Diego #119**.

**March 26-27, 2011**, exhibition, "Ikebana and Bamboo," at Treasure Island Community Center, 1 Park Place, Treasure Island, Florida. **St. Petersburg #65**.

**March 30-April 3, 2011**, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Gala Buffet and Ikebana Demonstration featuring Kika Shibata, Riji of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort. For information contact [joycetsugawa@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:joycetsugawa@hawaii.rr.com). Download registration form at [www.ikebana-hawaii.org](http://www.ikebana-hawaii.org). **Honolulu #56**.

**April 1-3, 2011**, Cherry Blossom Festival at the Seattle Center. **Seattle #19**.

**April 1-17, 2011**, annual exhibition at the U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, DC. Held during the National Cherry Blossom Festival, all nine of their chapter schools of Ikebana will exhibit. One of four schools (Sogetsu, Ichiyo, Ohara and Ikenobo) will offer a demonstration each day on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. **Washington #1**.

**April 2-3, 2011**, exhibition at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL 60022. **Chicago #27**.

**April 16 & 17, 2011**, "Japanese Spring Festival" Ikebana exhibits by all chapter members. Demonstrations by chapter teachers in the Japanese Garden. **Fort Worth #38**.

**April 28-May1, 2011**, Sacred Heart Garden Show at the Sacred Heart Cultural Center. **Augusta #81**.

**May 21-22, 2011**, annual exhibition at the Seattle Asian Art Museum, Volunteer Park. **Seattle #60**.



#### **DALLAS #13—IKEBANA EXPLORERS**

According to the Ikebana International Articles of Incorporation, the object of the Association is "to promote mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and other countries through ikebana (the art of Japanese flower arrangement) and other related arts of Japan."

Two years ago, the Dallas #13 Board declared that our chapter would be proactive in support of this

objective. Therefore, we formed the “Ikebana Explorers” standing committee. The purpose of this committee is to search out a variety of cultural events and performances, along with other tours and outings that support Ikebana and other arts of Japan. Participation in any Ikebana Explorers adventure is open to our members, each of whom may bring a guest. Any cost involved is the responsibility of the member.

Our Ikebana Explorers excursions have included: a guided tour of an art display and a Japanese quilt display at the Crow Collection of Asian Art; attending a performance of the opera, “Madame Butterfly;” touring long-time member gardens to educate newer members on “what grows in my Ikebana garden;” and visiting the Japanese Botanical Gardens in Fort Worth. In February, we will be attending a performance of the Kodo Drummers. Ikebana Explorers not only gives us an opportunity to explore Ikebana and other Japanese arts, but it builds greater camaraderie among our members. Patricia O'Reilly, President, **Dallas #13.**



### ***Calendar of Special Programs or Events***

**January 9, 2011**, New Years Luncheon. **Los Angeles #4.**

**January 9, 2011**, “A Three-View Moribana Arrangement,” demonstration and workshop by Mable Orndorff, Ichiyo School at 2 pm, Albuquerque Garden Center. **Albuquerque #41.**

**January 10, 2011**, Demonstration and Renka workshop, “Merging Styles--Creating Joint Arrangements” at 10 am at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. **Sarasota #115.**

**January 12, 2011**, morning lesson, “Moribana” and afternoon program with “Free-style Workshop using Unconventional Containers.” **Detroit #84.**

**January 14, 2011**, “New Year's Celebrations,” with Japanese dance, mochi and Kadomatsu workshop. **Ft. Worth #38.**

**January 17, 2011**, Fusako Hoyrup, President of the California Chapter of Wafu School will demonstrate. **Sacramento #26.**

**January 20, 2011**, “With or Without Flowers— Ikebana Sculptures” demonstrators Brian Dalton, Amira Matsuda, Jerry McManus, Mia Shelton,

Sally Shockey and Jean Yang at 10 am. At the North Haven Gardens large meeting room, 7700 Northhaven Road Dallas, TX 75230, Chairperson: Bobbie Lodge (214)578-8888. **Dallas #13.**

**January 21, 2011**, “New Year, New Dreams” program by Sharon Krawetz, Wafu School, 12 noon at the San Francisco Botanical Garden in Golden Gate Park, County Fair Building, **San Francisco #31.**

**January 22, 2011**, New year's celebration 11-2:30 PM at the Tea Palace Restaurant, Renton, WA. **Seattle #60.**

**January 23, 2011**, New Year's Luncheon with a fine bento lunch, Ikebana exhibits by members and a view of the tranquil Japanese Garden. Crystal “Pikko” Watanabe will demonstrate at the East-West Center Imin Conference Center.. She is the author of *Adventure in Bento-making.* **Honolulu #56.**

**January 26, 2011**, Kyoko Womer of the Wafu School will demonstrate followed by an illustrated lecture by William S. Chandler: “Chinese Inspirations for Some Traditional Japanese Textiles,” at Casa del Prado, Balboa Park Rm 101. **San Diego #119.**

**January 26, 2011**, lecture by Mark Burleton, Head of Rideau Hall Grounds, plus a container exchange and Auction. Topic will be: “Trees, Shrubs and Perennials for a Flower Arranger's Garden.” **Ottawa #120.**

**January 27, 2011**, exhibition by over 25 members celebrating “Hatsu-ike” (the first flowers of the New Year). Exhibit and Tea Party organized by the Sogetsu Dallas Branch at the Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green Drive, Dallas TX. **Dallas #13.**

**January 30, 2011**, a New Year's public workshop at Mochisuki at the Scottish Temple using bamboo, pine and plum. **Portland #47.**

**February 2, 2011**, “The Asian Garden”, Brian Holley, Executive Director of Naples Botanical Gardens, will give a presentation on this exciting new addition to the gardens. **Naples #160**

**February 2, 2011**, workshop on Origami at the Cleveland Botanical Garden, Smith Room. **Cleveland #20.**

**February 2, 2011**, “Drama with Mitsumata,” demonstration and workshop by Agnes Franzak,

Sogetsu School, at 12:30 pm in the Albuquerque Garden Center. **Albuquerque #71.**

**February 4, 2011**, demonstration and workshop by Ohara School chapter member on the "Use of Aspidistra Leaves as an Element of Design," at the Wellness Center in Macon, GA. **Middle Georgia #112.**

**February 9, 2011**, morning lesson, "Nageire" with afternoon program and workshop swap. **Detroit #85.**

**February 11, 2011**, "Going Red—A Chapter Tradition" with demonstration and workshop led by Marie Turner, Sogetsu School. **Ft. Worth #38.**

**February 15, 2011**, demonstration using sago palm and aspidistra in Ikebana arrangements. **Washington #1.**

**February 15, 2011**, "Orchids and Ikebana," 12:30-2 pm at Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, FL. Contact chapter shortly before meeting date for details in case of changes to programs: [susangarcia54@aol.com](mailto:susangarcia54@aol.com). **Miami #131.**

**February 16, 2011**, kimono demonstration and luncheon with silent auction at the Grey Oaks Country Club, Naples FL. **Naples #160.**

**February 16, 2011**, "Show and Tell: Mt. Fuji." Members will bring something interesting to them to share with others. **Omaha #60.**

**February 17, 2011**, "Winter's Dried and Bleached," demonstration by Sharman Palmer, Sogetsu School at 10-12 noon in St. Basil's Byzantine Church, 1118 E. Union Bower Rd, Irving, TX 75061. **Dallas #13.**

**February 18, 2011**, demonstration "Visualizing Music Through Flowers" by Michiko Shimoda, Sogetsu School at the San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. **San Francisco #31**

**February 20, 2011**, workshop "Learning Ikebana". **Los Angeles #4.**

**February 21, 2011**, demonstration by Bruce Wilson of the Saga School at the Bayou Club. **St. Petersburg #65.**

**February 21, 2011**, demonstration of the use of fruits and vegetables by Sue Bordner and Marie LeDonne, students of Sogetsu teacher, Kika Shibata. **Sacramento #26.**

**February 22, 2011**, Japanese Tea Ceremony with Emiko's tea tools, Chabana demonstration

with Emiko Suzuki, Ikenobo School. **Asheville #74.**

**February 23, 2011**, demonstration and workshop by Jackie Zhang, 2<sup>nd</sup> Master, Ohara School at 10 am, Rm 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego. **San Diego # 119.**

**March 2, 2011**, "Chanoyu: The Japanese Tea Ceremony," Jim Massey, instructor of Omotosenke School of Chanoyu, will teach and demonstrate this art of preparing and serving a bowl of tea with a pure heart. **Naples #160.**

**March 2, 2011**, "What We Learned from the Chinese," demonstration and workshop by Marty Mitchell, at 12:30 pm in the Albuquerque Garden Center. **Albuquerque #71.**

**March 9, 2011**, morning lesson "Introduction to Rikka" and afternoon program, "Flower Pounding and Origami note card workshop. **Detroit #85.**

**March 10, 2011**, Motoko Hattori, Keika Kazan School will present a workshop at the Pittsburgh Garden Center in Mellon Park. **Pittsburgh #25.**

**March 11, 2011**, "Poise for Easter," demonstration and workshop led by Jossephine Harp, Sukotai School. **Ft. Worth #38.**

**March 15, 2011**, Hinamatsuri Celebration and demonstration 10:30-2 pm at the Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, FL. Contact chapter shortly before the meeting date for details in case of changes to programs: [susangarcia54@aol.com](mailto:susangarcia54@aol.com). **Miami #131.**

**March 16, 2011**, demonstration and workshop at Norm's Door by Marilyn Hoskins. **Omaha #60.**

**March 16, 2011**, "Let's Tell a Story," Chico School and workshop with Minnette M. Siedenburg. **Sun City #167.**

**March 17, 2011**, Koryu School, history and workshop by Akemi Harris, 10:30 AM. **Seattle #60.**

**March 17, 2011**, "Celebrate the First Green Day of Spring!" with demonstrator LaVerl Daily, Junkatoku, Ikenobo School of the Houston Chapter, 10-12 workshop and critique at the Jewish Community Center, Senior Assembly Room, 7900 Northaven Rd., Dallas TX 75130. Contact Brian Dalton (214) 536-9407. **Dallas #13.**

**March 22, 2011**, "Spotlight on Glass," demonstration by Libby Campbell, Ichiyo School, plus Ginza sale. **Asheville #74.**

**March 26, 2011**, Anniversary Celebration Gala Buffet and Ikebana Demonstration featuring Kika Shibata, Riji, Sogetsu School at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort. **Honolulu #56.**

**March 28, 2011**, demonstration by Reiko Granade, USA Head of Ryusei-Ha School. NOTE: This meeting is taking place on Monday evening, rather than Wednesday. On Tuesday, March 29, there will be two workshops. **Ottawa #120.**

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### REGIONAL CONFERENCES

**February 22-26, 2012**, 12<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference, New Delhi, India. **New Delhi #77.** Chairperson Aruna Kirpal.

**May 19-24, 2013**, The 17th North American Regional Conference will be held in Asheville, North Carolina, sponsored by the **Asheville Chapter #74.** Principal guest demonstrator, Akihiro Kasuya, Ichiyo School. Chairperson: Terri Ellis Todd.

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#### *Fund raising Ideas*

The **Dallas Chapter #13** reports that their library was getting overwhelming. They decided to sell most of the books which resulted in a considerable sum for the Chapter. Several of books have become collectors' items; these are being sold in a silent auction or on E-Bay.

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### WORLD CONVENTION

**May 1-4, 2011, Ikebana International 10th World Convention, Hotel Grand Pacific Le Daiba, Tokyo, Japan. Chairperson: Nobuko Usui.**

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**Happy Anniversary to I.I. Chapters!**

**40<sup>th</sup>**

Tacoma-Olympia #147

**45<sup>th</sup>**

Asheville #74

Augusta #81

Columbus #84

Detroit #85  
Middle Georgia #112

**50<sup>th</sup>**

Albuquerque #41

Baton Rouge #42

Honolulu #56

San Antonio #46

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<http://www.iipittsburghchapter.org/>

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### SAVE THE EARTH

The Cleveland Chapter #20 had a Furoshiki workshop recently. Furoshiki is a wrapping cloth that is folded in a fast and clever way to tote groceries, wrap gifts, carry lunches and even in lieu of a purse. This is an attractive and environmentally friendly way to carry items and an alternative to plastic and paper wrapping materials.

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**IN MEMORIUM**

The Philadelphia #71 and Washington, D.C. #1 Chapters are mourning the loss of their friend Seiko Behr. She was also a member of the Delaware Valley Chapter of Ohara Ikebana. Her achievements were as a master potter, specializing in clay containers for Ikebana and Western flower arrangers, for which she enjoyed national and international acclaim. Seiko received individual honors in Japan and in the U.S. for her outstanding pottery. Many flower arrangers in North America are privileged to own a "Seiko." The Ohara School president of Washington, D.C. would like to add " We have lost a treasure".

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**ALL CHAPTERS IN NAR: Without your input, this newsletter is incomplete. Please participate by submitting your meeting, exhibit and other information as requested. Just be sure to include the Chapter name and number with your submission! Thank you. I look forward to hearing from all of you. Remember the next deadline is March 15, 2011. [narii@sonic.net](mailto:narii@sonic.net)**